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David Morris **DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING**
Dove Creek Quarries
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Dear Mr. Morris;

On September 26, 2011 the Minidoka Ranger District received the Notice of Intent you submitted for proposed activities at the Henrietta Quarry. The quarry is currently operated by James Petersen.

During the September 23, 2011 site visit with Sawtooth Minerals administrator Heidie Torrealday you discussed developing both a gold mining operation as well as a stone quarry operation. The Forest Service will only review a Notice of Intent or Plan of Operation under one mineral authority. You need to decide which operation you intend to develop at the Henrietta Quarry. Should you decide to pursue a Plan of Operation under regulations 36 CFR 228A for locatable minerals you will be required to submit a Plan of Operations. I will then consider the economics of the operation along with other factors in determining the requirements for surface resource protection. This may include submitting evidence that a discovery has been established as well as provide assay information and other technical data that would lead to the next logical and sequential step in the development of a gold prospect.

The Henrietta quarry is currently operated under a mineral material authority as the quartzite material to date has been classified as common variety. The Minidoka Ranger District has requested that a Forest Service Certified Mineral Examiner provide a formal classification of the material at the Henrietta Quarry. Given current workloads we anticipate that the classification of this material will occur during the 2012 Program of Work. Until such time as a formal classification is completed if you wish to remove material from the Henrietta Quarry you will need to continue purchasing the material from the Minidoka Ranger District.

Please contact the Minidoka Ranger District at 208.678.0430 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

SCOTT C. NANNENGA
Minidoka District Ranger

